

**PATENT APPLICATION**

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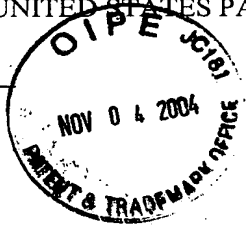
In re the Application of

Roger W. WHATMORE et al.

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For: IMPROVEMENTS TO FILTERS



Group Art Unit: 2816

Examiner: K. Wells

Docket No.: 111677

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND  
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired October 12, 2004, an extension of time for a period of ONE month is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 160275 in the amount of \$110 in payment for:

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